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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TOURIST VISIT OF YEMENI AMERICAN CITIZENS
TO YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC

1. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GAYNOR JACOBSON,
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF UNITED HIAS SERVICE OF NEW YORK
(TEL: 212 674-6800) FROM AMBASSADOR SCOTES.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: APPRECIATE YOUR LETTER OF AUG 19 WHICH WAS
OPENED ONLY AFTER I RETURNED LAST WEEK FROM VACATION. I AM
DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT YEMEN GOVT OFFICIALS IN THE UN HAVE
ENCOURAGED US CITIZENS OF YEMENI JEWISH ORIGIN TO VISIT YEMEN.
I WAS AWARE OF COURSE, THAT THE YEMEN GOVT RECENTLY
ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY ITS WILLINGNESS ACCEPT RETURN OF ANY FORMER
YEMENI JEWS WHO WISHED TO RESETTLE HERE. VISITS BY
FORMER YEMENI JEWS TO THEIR RELATIVES AND CO-RELIGIONISTS HERE
WERE NOT MENTIONED ALTHOUGH GOVT OFFICIALS HERE SAY THAT THEIR
POLICY AND PRACTICE IS TO ADMIT INDIVIDUALS OF ANY RELIGION
WHO ARE ABLE TO SATISFY THE GOVT OF LEGITIMACY OF THEIR
PROPOSED TRAVEL, BE IT FOR TOURISTIC, COMMERCIAL, CHARITABLE
OR SCHOLARLY PURPOSES.

I NEED NOT TELL YOU THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT
TO PERSUADE THE YARG THAT THE CONTACTS YOU PROPOSE HAVE
NO CONCEALED POLITICAL MOTIVES WHICH SOMEHOW SERVE
ISRAELI RATHER THAN AMERICAN PURPOSES, BUT YOU CAN BE
SURE THAT I AM PREPARED RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE PROPOSED
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HIAS TRIP--IF YOU WISH--AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL AS PART

OF OUR OVERALL INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIST AND PROTECT AMERICAN CITIZENS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. IF YOU WANT ME TO HELP, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IN MORE DETAIL WHAT THE VISIT INTENDS TO ACCOMPLISH, HOW LONG IT MIGHT TAKE, WHERE THE VISITORS MIGHT GO AND WHAT FOLLOW-ON IT MIGHT HAVE FOR YEMENI JEWS.

IN CONCLUSION, I WILL HELP IN ANY WAY I CAN AND HOPE TO MEET LEONARD SEIDEMAN HERE IN SANA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE REPORTING AWARE WHICH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE BESTOWED ON ME AFTER MY ASSIGNMENT IN DAMASCUS. ALTHOUGH I MISS SYRIA IN MANY WAYS, I MUST ADMIT THAT YEMEN IS EVEN MORE INTERESTING AS A COUNTRY AND A SOCIETY--THOUGH MORE EXOTIC TOO. SINCERELY, THOMAS J SCOTES, AMBASSADOR. END MESSAGE. SCOTES

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